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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO BONN

REF: (A) BONN 3371; (B) DAMASCUS 173 (SECTO 102);
(C) TEL AVIV 1171 (SECTO 80)

1. SCHEEL HAS NOT RPT NOT CHANGED HIS MIND. EMBASSY, OF COURSE, DID NOT RPT NOT ITSELF PUSH FOR AN EXPANDED MEETING. FOR EXPLANATION OF COMPOSITION OF MEETINGS AS PROPOSED IN REFTEL (A), PLEASE REFER TO PARA 3 OF SECTO 80 WHICH STATES THAT AMBASSADOR AND HARTMAN "SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS" AND THAT A NOTETAKER WOULD BE PROVIDED FROM SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR ALL MEETINGS. ON THIS BASIS, WE INFORMED FONOFF OF SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO DEFER TO GERMAN PREFERENCES FOR VISIT AND OF FACT THAT RESTRICTED PARTICIPATION WAS FULLY IN KEEPING WITH SECRETARY'S OWN VIEW, BUT WE NATURALLY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CONTENTS OF PARA 3 OF SECTO 80 APPEARED TO POINT TO A FORMAT OF THREE PLUS NOTETAKER ON EACH SIDE. GERMANS HAD NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THIS. THEY FOUND IT NATURAL TO PROPOSE SAME COMPOSITION FOR DINNER, AND WE HAD NO
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REASON TO DEMUR, SINCE AT THAT TIME WE HAD NOT RECEIVED

SECTO 89. (WE SHOULD PERHAPS POINT OUT THAT GERMANS REGARD NOTE-TAKERS AND INTERPRETER AS SUPERNUMERARIES ALTHOUGH, IN KEEPING WITH RESPECT ACCORDED THEM HERE, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE FED AT DINNER.)

2. ON BASIS OF LARGER FORMAT, WE HAVE INFORMED FONOFF OF SECRETARY'S DESIRE FOR INITIAL PRIVATE MEETING WITH SCHEEL AND FOR INCLUSION OF UNDER-SECRETARY SISCO IN DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING DINNER. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT SCHEEL WOULD AGREE TO IT IF SECRETARY EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE TO RETURN TO SMALLER FORMAT OF HIMSELF PLUS ONE ON US SIDE AND SCHEEL PLUS FRANK ON GERMAN SIDE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF WE SHOULD MAKE THIS PROPOSAL.

3. RE MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR, BRANDT, RECALLING SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE FOR PRIVATE TALK WHEN THEY LAST MET AT MUNICH, HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONDUCT ALL OR PART OF MONDAY MORNING CONVERSATION PRIVATELY. AGAIN REFERRING TO PARA 3 OF SECTO 80, WE TOLD FONOFF THAT SECRETARY WOULD PREFER SAME GROUP ON US SIDE AS AT MEETINGS WITH SCHEEL. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT BRANDT TOO WILL BE WILLING TO DEFER COMPLETELY TO SECRETARY'S WISHES ON THIS SCORE AND MIGHT INDEED HIMSELF PREFER A SMALLER FORMAT. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

4. MONDAY MORNING BREAKFAST WITH CARSTENS AT 8:30 IS FIRM.
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